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	Examiner	Art Unit
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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR.

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 11, on page 3, line 14; insert "which" before "the water-soluble polymer material".

In claim 25, on page 41, line 21, change "give" to "has".

These amendments correct grammatical/translations errors and make these claims more clear.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claimed methods and non-luminescent spherical barium halide of claim 1 are not taught or suggested by the cited art of record. U.S. patent 5,378,397 teaches a non-luminescent spherical precursor for rare earth activated barium halide phosphors, but the taught particles do not have the claimed formula. The Wakamatsu et al patents teach producing rare earth activated barium halides by a precipitation process. Both patents teach a water-soluble polymer can be added during the precipitation process, but they do not teach the purpose of the polymer nor that the addition will form spherical particles.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Bell, can be reached at (571) 272-1362.

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